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2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 7-303654, published November 21, 1995.

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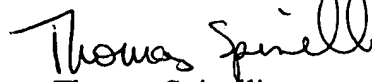
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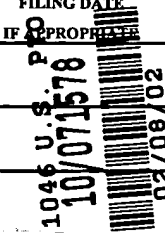
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